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- Uranium ore is being mined at three places in the Slivovacki Planina hills east of Aleksinac under conditions of great secrecy.
- 2. The presence of ore was discovered by the Germans in 1943 and a survey was made but little ore was extracted.
- 3. After the collapse of the Germans the Russians obtained the survey plans and started extracting the ore using political and army prisoners and sending the ore to Russia via Bulgaria. This was done with the permission of the Yugoslavs. Certain Czechoslovak machinery was installed at Aleksinac for refining the ore in 1948 but no details are available.
- 4. After the Cominform break in 1948 the Yugoslav government continued to extract the ore and refine it at Aleksinac after which it was sent to Avala near Belgrade for storage.
- 5. An atomic research station was set up at Vinca 9 miles from Belgrade on the Danube, where research work is carried out by a few selected chemists and metallurgists under intense UDB supervision. All experiments are carefully noted and watched by security personnel and the staff have to answer exhaustive questions regarding their political and other affiliations.

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